

REMARKS


The Advisory Action mailed October 13, 2004, and the Official Action dated May 25, 2004, have been received and their contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to October 25, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 1-7 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 3/2, 5, 6/3/2 and 7/5 (page 4, Paper No. 20040519; Paper No. 20041005). Rejected claims 1 and 4 have been canceled and claims 3 and 7 have been amended to depend from allowable claims 2 and 5, respectively. Accordingly, claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are now pending in the present application, of which claim 2 is independent.

The present *Amendment* merely cancels the rejected claims leaving claims that have been held allowable by the Examiner and thus is appropriate for entry after final. Therefore, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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